

# Delaware State Police Honorary Commander Program







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After a successful introductory year in 2016, the Delaware State Police Honorary Commander Program begins this year with a new selection of community leaders. The Troop Commanders and the Community Outreach Unit worked together to select the 2017 Honorary Commanders.

The Honorary Commander Program partners Delaware State Police Commanders with key business, political and community leaders ideally within the Commander's troop area in order to foster a mutually beneficial partnership. The program encourages the exchange of ideas, different experiences and an understanding of each other's role in the community. The program offers members of the community a chance to experience and better understand aspects of law enforcement. This partnership enhances the mutual benefit of building and strengthening the bond between the Division and the communities we serve. It

also aims to increase the Division's involvement in civic endeavors and organizations while integrating members of the local community into the Delaware State Police family.

Each Delaware State Police Commander will be paired with a member of the Troop community as their Honorary Commander for a term of one year. During their tenure the Honorary Commander will be invited to attend such Divisional ceremonial events as Academy graduations, promotional and award ceremonies, and memorial services. Additionally, they will also be exposed to the Division's operational mission through ride-alongs, training exercises, and special unit familiarization.

There will be an Induction Ceremony for the 2017 Honorary Commanders and a Commencement Ceremony for the 2016 Honorary Commanders on **Tuesday, January 24, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the DSP Academy located at 1453 North DuPont Highway, Dover, Delaware 19901.** This ceremony is the first formal event with each partnered civilian commander.

Media is invited and encouraged to attend.

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